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HEADQUARTERS
614th Tank Destroyer Battalion


AP0 758, U. S. Army,
10 May 1945.

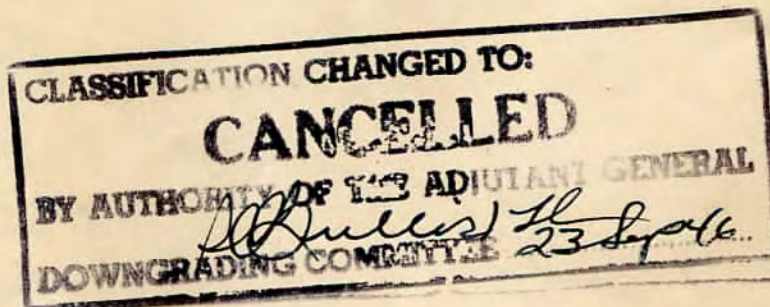
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO ⑤ Commanding General, 103d Inf Div., APO 470, U.S.Army.

In accordance with Section IV, Circular 34, Hq. Seventh Army, dtd 28 November 1944, the Unit History and supporting documents of this battalion for the month of April 1945, are forwarded.

For the Commanding Officer:


C. J. RICHARD,
Capt., F.A.,
Adjutant.



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NARRATIVE REPORT--UNIT HISTORY
614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Month of April 1945.

1 April 1945

Battalion located in area around Waldsee, Germany, assisting AMG in controlling occupied towns. Maintenance of clothing, equipment and vehicles stressed. Alerted for move to Elmstein, Ge

2 April 1945

Battalion moved to Elmstein, Germany, and occupied assigned sector. Military government offices opened, and administration of occupied towns put into operation.

3 April 1945

Road blocks and guard posts established in assigned sector. Maintenance of equipment and materiel continued.

4 April 1945

Battalion continued in carrying out mission of securing sector.

5 April 1945

Nothing of interest occurred. Battalion continued mission of previous day.

6 April 1945

Battalion alerted for movement to Momlingen, Germany. Administration of occupied sector completed.

7 April 1945

Battalion departed from Elmstein, Germany, at 1430 hrs, for Momlingen, Germany. At end of day, units located in following towns: Bn. CP=Momlingen, Ger; Co. "A"=Neidernberg, Ger; Co. "B"= Stockstadt, Ger; Co. "C"=Erlenbach, Ger; Hq. Co. and 2d Rcn Plat=Gr. Ostheim; and 1st Rcn Plat= Momlingen.

8 April 1945

Each company occupied and set up government of occupied towns. Battalion Command Post moved from Momlingen, Germany to Gr. Unstadt, Germany. Road blocks established; instructions given to the Burgomaster of each town in accordance with AMG policies.

9 April 1945

Complete road coverage in assigned sector completed and put in operation. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment instigated.

10 April 1945

Occupation of assigned sector continued. Training schedules set up.

11 April 1945

No change in unit locations during day, or operations.

12 April 1945

General Pierce, 103d Inf Div, visited Bn. Cp. No change in operations.

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13 April 1945

No change during period.

14 April 1945

No change during period. Chief of Staff, Col. Meloy, 103d Inf Div., visited Bn. CP.

15 April 1945

No change during period. Patrol and police of area continued.

16 April 1945

No change during period.

17 April 1945

Battalion alerted for movement from Gr. Unstadt, Germany to Oberhofon, Germany.

18 April 1945

Preparation completed for movement to Oberhofon, Germany. No other change in activities.

19 April 1945

Battalion moved to Oberhofon, Germany. No other activity.

20 April 1945

Battalion attached to 103d Inf Div for Operations on orders of CG VI Corps, in OI No. 80. Co. "A" atchd to 410th Inf Regt; Co. "B" atchd to 409th Inf Regt; Co. "C" atchd to 411th Inf Regt. All companies made liaison with infantry regiments. The 1st and 2d Rcn Platoons were alerted to be prepared to move out on any mission assigned within 15 minutes notice. Officer call held by the Bn. Comdr, orientating on assigned mission.

21 April 1945

1st and 2d Rcn Platoons reported to CO 411th Inf Regt. Bn. CP moved to Pluderhausen, Germany minus Co. A, C and Rcn Platoons.

22 April 1945

Bn CP moved from Pluderhausen, Germany to Kircheim, Germany. All atchd companies with Inf Regts continued to advance on their mission under the control of the regts. S/Sgt James McDougald, Co. B, was killed; Pvt L. C. Walker, Pvt Frank Jackson, Pvt Hurley English, Cpl James Morrison, Pvt George W. Owens, Tec 5 George Donaldson, and Sgt Isiah Polk were captured, and S/Sgt Earnest Joynes reported missing, when the vehicle they were in was ambushed by the enemy in the vicinity of Hegenlohe, Germany. The vehicle was located in woods, having been stopped by felled trees across the road. No other activity reported during period.

23 April 1945

Co. "A" reported CP location in Bohringen, Germany; expended 68 rounds of HE, destroying 2 enemy AT guns, 1 enemy OP and neutralized enemy positions, capturing 20 prisoners. Co. "B" reported firing 60 rds of He, neutralizing enemy strong points; CP located at Owen.

Narrative Report= Unit History, cont'd.

23 April 1945, cont'd

Co. C reported CP location in Metzlingen, Germany; Expended 56 rds of HE and 20 rds APC in destroying one enemy MG nest, one rocket launcher, ten buildings, and killing 18 enemies. The company suffered no casualties. A report was received that enemy troops were in vicinity of Schlierbach, Germany. The Bn CO organized a small task force consisting of two M-20's with MGs, and about twelve EM out of the Bn. CP, but after a thorough search of the woods and hills, no enemies were encountered.

24 April 1945

The EM captured by the enemy on 22 April were freed and reported in to Bn CP. Elements of the 44th Inf Div contacted the column of Germans, and after a fire-fight, many prisoners were taken and a number of Germans killed. During the confusion the EM from this battalion were released by the Germans and told to get back to their proper units. The Battalion CP and Rear Echelon moved to Geislingen, Germany. No other reports received from the units attached to the inf regts.

25 April 1945

Bn CP moved to Bernstadt, Germany. One EM from Co. B slightly wounded by enemy mortar fire. Other units still atchd to inf regts. No other activity reported.

26 April 1945

Bn CP departed from Bernstadt, Germany, and arrived in Burlafingen, Germany. Gen Pierce of 103d Inf Div visited CP. Approximately fifty PW's were captured by the Bn. CP. No other activity reported.

27 April 1945

Bn CP moved to Aletshausen, Germany. Five hundred PW's were taken and delivered to cage. No enemy activity reported by companies.

28 April 1945

No reports of any enemy action received from companies. Bn CP arrived in Schongau, Germany at 1500 hrs.

29 April 1945

Rcn Plats and companies atchd to inf regts and continued on mission. Bn CP moved from Schongau and arrived at Kirchberg, Germany. 125 PW's taken by CP personnel.

30 April 1945

No change in units reported. No enemy activity observed.

Frank S. Pritchard
FRANK S. PRITCHARD,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Comdg., 614th TD Bn.

Supplement to Unit History, 614th TDBn., for Month
of April 1945.

During the month of April, the following Officers and EM were
awarded the medal indicated after their name:

Capt. WALTER S. SMITH, 01824931, Co. "C"	≠ SILVER STAR
1st Lt. SERREO S. NELSON, 01823192, Hq. Co.	= SILVER STAR
2nd Lt. CHRISTOPHER J. STURKEY, 02000693, Co C	= SILVER STAR
Capt. BEAUREGARD KING , 0412501, Co. A	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
S/Sgt Charles E. Parks, 34459861, Co. A	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Pfc Thomas L. Kilgo, Jr., 34461097, Med Det	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Sgt Matthew Spencer, 35479070, Hq. Co	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Pfc Ronald Pollard, 38063301, Hq. Co.	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Sgt Elijah Gibson, 34550577, Hq. Co.	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Pfc Mark H. Ray, 34302120, Hq. Co.	= BRONZE STAR MEDAL

On 11 April 1945, per General Order No. 141, Headquarters Seventh Army, the 3d Platoon, Company "C", was cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Climbach, France.

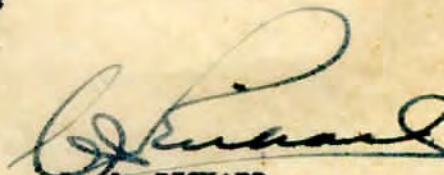
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OFFICERS ROSTER

LT COL FRANK S. PRITCHARD	1st Lt. SERRIO S. NELSON
MAJOR LEROY H. SAMPSON	1st Lt. CHARLES J. NELSON
MAJOR ROBERT J. O'LEARY	1st Lt. RAYMOND H. POWELL
CAPTAIN JAMES H. CARR	1st Lt. CLAUDE W. RAMSEY
CAPTAIN CHARLES J. RICHARD	1st Lt. CHARLES C. ROBINSON
CAPTAIN WALTER S. SMITH	1st Lt. THOMAS H. SHAW JR.
CAPTAIN HARVEY E. JOHNSON	1st Lt. ORMAND A. FORTE
CAPTAIN THOMAS M. CAMPBELL	1st Lt. FLOYD J. STALLINGS
CAPTAIN CHARLES W. OGELSBY	1st Lt. ROBERT S. WILLIAMS
CAPTAIN ROBERT L. FINNEY	1st Lt. JESSE S. HICKMAN
1st Lt. LEONARD I. BURCH	2nd Lt. JOHN E. STUBBS
1st Lt. EDWARD J. CARNEY	2nd Lt. CHRISTOPHER J. STURKEY
1st Lt. MILTON B. DEAS	2nd Lt. OLIVER S. COX
1st Lt. ANDREW J. FAVORS	2nd Lt. JOHN W. HURNS JR.
1st Lt. LLOYD A. GREGORY	2nd Lt. JOSEPH AWKARD
1st Lt. PRESTON HELM JR.	2nd Lt. ADAM W. BERRY
1st Lt. JOSEPH L. KEEBY	

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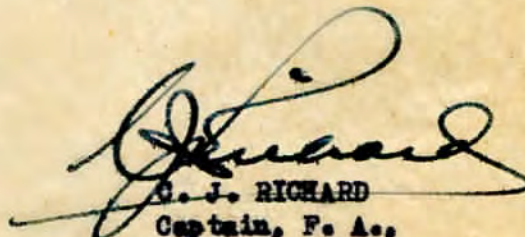
ROSTER OF KEY NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

M Sgt Willard L. Hill
M Sgt Stonewall Jackson
1 Sgt Gordon Brown
1 Sgt Warren J. Glapion
1 Sgt Sloan King
1 Sgt Robert Campen
T Sgt Isaac Thomas
T Sgt Henry Evans
T Sgt Richard Irvin
T Sgt James W. Early
T Sgt Giles W. Pearson
T Sgt Charles E. Terry
T Sgt Garfield Gladden
T Sgt Amos A. Dashiell
S Sgt Wilbur Turner
S Sgt Mitchell Wheeler
S Sgt Clarence R. Wilson
S Sgt Harvey Claybrook
S Sgt Lennie Summers

S Sgt Columbus Bryant
S Sgt Lazarus L. Garrett
S Sgt L. C. Henley
S Sgt Hather T. Mays
S Sgt Otis M. Barnes
S Sgt Benjamin Bryant Jr.
S Sgt Smiley T. Masley
S Sgt James Holley
S Sgt Chester L. Perry
S Sgt Leo S. Smoot Jr.
S Sgt George W. Rusey
S Sgt John O. Weir
S Sgt LaRoy Williams
S Sgt Johnnie King
S Sgt Lewis Manns
S Sgt Charles E. Parks
S Sgt Ernest Rogers
S Sgt Julian R. Frye
S Sgt Arthur Page

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